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CIRCULAR LETTER 38/2018
28 June 2018

**APPROVAL OF EDITION 6.1.0 OF IHO PUBLICATION S-58
ENC VALIDATION CHECKS**

References:

- A. CL 37/2017 dated 22 May – *Adoption of Edition 6.0.0 of IHO Publication S-58 – ENC Validation Checks*;
- B. IHO CL 30/2018 dated 24 April – *Cancellation of the Implementation date for Edition 6.0.0 of IHO Publication S-58 – ENC Validation Checks*;
- C. Document HSSC10-05.2A – *Report and Recommendations of ENCWG*;
- D. Action HSSC10/22 – *IHO Sec. to issue a CL to IHO Member States seeking their approval on Ed. 6.1.0 of S-58*.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The adoption by the IHO Member States of Edition 6.0.0 of the IHO Standard S-58 - ENC Validation Checks was announced by Reference A. Reference A also announced the approval by Member States of the implementation date for Edition 6.0.0 of S-58 to be set to 12 months after the adoption of Edition 6.0.0, and declared the implementation date to be 01 June 2018. After the implementation date, it would be required that ENC data must not contain any critical error, so as to provide a minimum standard to which all ENCs must comply.
2. Reference B announced that, due to the implementation and testing of S-58 Edition 6.0.0 by validation software implementers, data producers and Regional ENC Coordination Centres (RENCs), a few erroneous checks have been identified that result in critical errors being reported for valid ENC data. Reference B also announced that, as a result of these erroneous checks, the implementation date for Edition 6.0.0 of S-58 of 01 June 2018 had been cancelled.
3. At its 10th meeting in May 2018, the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) endorsed revisions to Edition 6.0.0 of S-58. (Reference C). The HSSC also approved the entry into force of S-58 Edition 6.1.0 to be 12 months from its adoption by IHO Member States; and tasked the ENC Working Group to finalize the draft revision and forward it to the IHO Secretariat for circulation to IHO Member States, for their consideration and approval (Reference D).
4. The draft Edition 6.1.0 document and a marked up “redline” version are now available on the IHO website at: www.iho.int > Standards & Publications > Draft Publications Awaiting Approval by Member States > S-58 (English version only).

5. Member States are requested to take into account the endorsement of the HSSC and to consider the adoption of Edition 6.1.0 of S-58 by providing their reply on the Voting Form, provided in Annex, at their earliest convenience and **no later than 31 August 2018**.

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abri KAMPFER', written in a cursive style.

Abri KAMPFER
Director

Annex: Voting Form

ENC VALIDATION CHECKS (S-58)

Approval of Edition 6.1.0

Voting Form

(to be returned to the IHO Secretariat by 31 August 2018)

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Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers.

Member State:

Contact:

E-mail:

Do you approve the adoption of Edition 6.1.0 of S-58?

YES

NO

If you answer 'No', please explain your reasons in the comment section below.

Comments :

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Signature :

Date :
